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SUBJECT: SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE--GREEK RESERVATION

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1. GREEK DCM COUNDOURIOTIS CALLED ON EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GOODBY MAY 17 ON INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORM DEPARTMENT THAT GREEK PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS WOULD BE UNABLE TO ACCEPT SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE STATEMENT APPLAUDING US ADMINISTRATION EFFORT TO LIFT TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO. HE NOTED THAT SINCE EMBARGO WAS IMPOSED BY US CONGRESS "IN LINKAGE WITH CYPRUS," IT WAS A POLITICAL REALITY THAT THE
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PRIME MINISTER COULD NOT ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH SUCH LANGUAGE--"COULD NOT RETURN TO GREECE IF HE ACCEPTED IT"--IN THE ABSENCE OF MOVEMENT ON CYPRUS. THE PROBLEM WAS
THUS INSURMOUNTABLE.

2. COUNDOURIOTIS THEN SAID GREEKS WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING MATTER RESOLVED PRIVATELY PRIOR TO SUMMIT. WHEN QUERIED,

HE SAID GREEKS WOULD BE MAKING SIMILAR APPROACH IN OTHER NATO CAPITALS AND AT NATO.

3. GOODBY RESPONDED THAT HE TOOK NOTE OF THE GREEK APPROACH AND WOULD PASS IT ON. GOODBY SAID IT WAS APPROPRIATE THAT THE GREEKS WERE RAISING THE ISSUE IN NATO; THE COMMUNIQUE WAS AN INTERNATIONAL STAFF PRODUCT AND WOULD HAVE THE SUPPORT OF A NUMBER OF ALLIES.

4. GOODBY SHARED VIEW, HOWEVER, THAT ALLIES SHOULD TRY TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM BEFORE THE SUMMIT. HE NOTED THAT THE ISSUE WAS NOT ONE WHICH WE COULD WORK OUT BETWEEN OURSELVES.

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